

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Please cancel Claim independent Claims 1 and 17 and replace them with the respective independent Claims 23 and 24. Please amend the remaining claims as follows:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Cancel)
2. (Currently Amended) Method according to Claim 1 23, wherein the operating element is a rotary switch with at least six preferred switching positions.
3. (Currently Amended) Method according to Claim 1 23, wherein a sun blind is provided on the interior side of the vehicle of the multipart sliding roof, which sun blind is coupled with a sun sensor and, when a massive sun radiation is detected, is automatically moved into the closing position.
4. (Original) Method according to Claim 3, wherein, when the individual roof parts are controlled for the opening, the sun blind is automatically moved into such a position that it comes to a stop at least behind a front edge of the roof opening.
5. (Currently Amended) Method according to Claim 1 23, wherein the first angularly movable roof section is a wind deflector which can be adjusted as a

function of the driving speed.

6. (Original) Method according to Claim 2, wherein the first angularly movable roof section is a wind deflector which can be adjusted as a function of the driving speed.

7. (Original) Method according to Claim 3, wherein the first angularly movable roof section is a wind deflector which can be adjusted as a function of the driving speed.

8. (Original) Method according to Claim 4, wherein the first angularly movable roof section is a wind deflector which can be adjusted as a function of the driving speed.

9. (Currently Amended) Method according to Claim 1 23, wherein after the opening, the second and third roof sections are individual sliding roof sections which are closed again by a definable amount from a completely opened position when a defined vehicle speed is exceeded.

10. (Original) Method according to Claim 2, wherein after the opening, the second and third roof sections are individual sliding roof sections which are closed again by a definable amount from a completely opened position when a defined vehicle speed is exceeded.

11. (Original) Method according to Claim 3, wherein after the opening, the second and third roof sections are individual sliding roof sections which are closed again by a definable amount from a completely opened position when a

defined vehicle speed is exceeded.

12. (Original) Method according to Claim 4, wherein after the opening, the second and third roof sections are individual sliding roof sections which are closed again by a definable amount from a completely opened position when a defined vehicle speed is exceeded.

13. (Original) Method according to Claim 5, wherein after the opening, the second and third roof sections are individual sliding roof sections which are closed again by a definable amount from a completely opened position when a defined vehicle speed is exceeded.

14. (Original) Method according to Claim 6, wherein after the opening, the second and third roof sections are individual sliding roof sections which are closed again by a definable amount from a completely opened position when a defined vehicle speed is exceeded.

15. (Original) Method according to Claim 7, wherein after the opening, the second and third roof sections are individual sliding roof sections which are closed again by a definable amount from a completely opened position when a defined vehicle speed is exceeded.

16. (Original) Method according to Claim 8, wherein after the opening, the second and third roof sections are individual sliding roof sections which are closed again by a definable amount from a completely opened position when a defined vehicle speed is exceeded.

17. Cancel.

18. (Original) A multipart sliding roof assembly according to Claim ~~1724~~, wherein the operating element is a rotary switch with at least six preferred switching positions.

19. (Original) A multipart sliding roof assembly according to Claim ~~1724~~, wherein a sun blind is provided on the interior side of the vehicle of the multipart sliding roof, which sun blind is coupled with a sun sensor and, when a massive sun radiation is detected, is automatically moved into the closing position.

20. (Currently Amended) A multipart sliding roof assembly according to Claim 19, wherein, when the individual roof parts are controlled for the opening, the sun blind is automatically moved into such a position that it comes to a stop at least behind a front edge of the roof opening.

21. (Currently Amended) A multipart sliding roof assembly according to Claim ~~1724~~, wherein the first angularly movable roof section is a wind deflector which can be adjusted as a function of the driving speed.

22. (Currently Amended) A multipart sliding roof assembly according to Claim ~~1724~~, wherein after the opening, the second and third roof sections are individual sliding roof sections which are closed again by a definable amount from a completely opened position when a defined vehicle speed is exceeded.

Please add the following new claims:

23. (New) A method of controlling a multipart sliding roof for a motor vehicle having:

- a roof opening,
- a first angularly movable roof section,
- a second longitudinally movable roof section,
- a third longitudinally movable roof section, and
- a movable operating element selectively movable between at least six different switching positions corresponding to respective predetermined roof opening conditions,

said method comprising:

- monitoring a starting roof opening condition,
- movement of the control element to a switching position corresponding to a selected predetermined roof opening condition, and
- controlling movement of the roof sections from the starting roof opening condition to the selected predetermined roof opening condition with different sequential movements for different starting roof opening conditions.

24. (New) A multipart sliding roof assembly for a motor vehicle comprising:

- a roof opening;
- a first angularly movable roof section;
- a second longitudinally movable roof section;

a third longitudinally movable roof section;

a movable operating element selectively movable between at least six different switching positions corresponding to respective predetermined roof opening conditions, and

a control unit responsive to starting roof opening conditions and to movement of the operating element to a switch position corresponding to a selected predetermined roof opening condition to control movement of the roof sections from the starting roof opening condition to the selected predetermined roof opening condition with different sequential movements of the roof sections for different starting roof opening conditions.